

The State Governments/UT Administrations have accordingly been asked to identify the beneficiaries below the poverty line, issue special ration cards to them and make all arrangements for delivery of foodgrains to the beneficiaries in a satisfactory and transparent manner. As soon as a State/UT completes this exercise it can start deriving the benefits under the Targeted Public Distribution System. The Scheme of Targeted PDS will, however, become effective throughout the country from 1st June, 1997.

Livestock Feed Industry

3775. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Stringent controls hinder growth of livestock feed industry" appearing in the 'Economic Times', dated February 24, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the details of fresh policy measures taken/under consideration for the speedy growth of livestock feed industry in terms of growth perceptions for the 9th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) Some important steps initiated by the Government for promoting the growth of livestock feed industry include:

- (i) Poultry feed manufacture (except in pellet form), which has so far been reserved for the small sector, is being dereserved.
- (ii) Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding, falling under Chapter No. 23 of Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 continue to be fully exempted from excise duty.
- (iii) Import of feed ingredients like amino acids attract concessional customs duty.

[Translation]

Triple Super Phosphate

3776. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States being supplied triple super phosphate fertilizer;

(b) the total quantity supplied to each of these States;

(c) the total amount given as subsidy to each of the States on the same; and

(d) the names of the institutions or the organisations through which it has been supplied to the States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Triple Super Phosphate is not produced in the country and not supplied to any State.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Setting up of Finance Development Corporations

3777. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted the National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation and National Safai Karamchari Finance Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the guidelines along with powers jurisdiction and life etc. of these corporations; and

(c) the time by which both the corporations will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes sir.

- (i) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation has been set up as Company not for profit under Section 25 of Companies Act, 1956, w.e.f. 24th January, 1997, with its Headquarters at Faridabad (Haryana).
- (ii) The National Safai Karamchari Finance Development Corporation has been incorporated on 24th January, 1997, as a Company not for profit under Section 25 of Companies Act, 1956, with its Registered office at Delhi.

(b) A copy of the guidelines/objectives etc. of these Corporations is attached as statements-I and II, respectively.

2. The jurisdiction of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation extends to handicapped individuals or groups of handicapped individuals by Way of loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes and projects. It shall assist in upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of handicapped persons for efficient management of production units and set up infrastructural activities for rehabilitation/upliftment of handicapped persons.

3. Regarding jurisdiction of National Safai Karamchari Finance Development Corporation, the Memorandum of Association of the Corporation provides that the Company, shall, during the initial years restrict its operation to assisting only such Safai Karamcharis who are scavengers or their dependents and shall extend its coverage to all other Safai Karamcharis after scavengers or their dependents have been largely covered, provided further that, other things being equal, the Company shall accord priority to economic development, rehabilitation of women Safai Karamcharis.

4. There is no fixed duration for the operation of both these Corporations.

(c) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation and the National Safai Karmachari Finance Development Corporation will become functional during financial year 1997-98.

Statement-I

*National Safai Karamchari Finance
Development Corporation*

1. To promote economic development activities for the benefit of Safai karamcharis.
2. To promote self-employment ventures for the benefit/economic rehabilitation of safai karamcharis.
3. To assist, subject to such income and/or economic criteria as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time, the safai karamcharis or groups of safai karamcharis by way of loans and advances for economically viable income generating schemes and projects.
4. To grant concessional finance to safai karamcharis in collaboration with Government Ministries/Departments at the national and State levels under relevant programmes.
5. To extend loans to the students from safai karamchari community for pursuing professional/technical education at graduate and higher levels.
6. To assist in the upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of persons belonging to safai karamchari community for proper and efficient management of production and service units set up by them.
7. To promote training, quality control, technology upgradation and other common facility centres for carrying out sanitation work.

8. To work as an apex institution on the lines of National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation for channelising the funds through States' channelising agencies authorised by State Govts./ Union Territory Administrations. The NSKFDC will receive proposals for financial assistance through above mentioned organisations and sanction loans and margin money to the beneficiaries for disbursement through these organisations. The NSKFDC will also coordinate and monitor the schemes/programmes implemented through authorised State Finance and Development corporations/Boards/UT Administrations financed by the Government.

9. To assist self-employed individuals/groups of individuals or registered factories/companies/cooperatives of safai karamcharis in marketing of their finished goods and assist in procurement of raw materials.

10. To help in furthering the Government policies and programmes for socio-economic development and rehabilitation of safai karamcharis.

Statement-II

*National Handicapped Finance and
Development Corporation*

The objectives of the Corporation are :

1. To promote economic developmental activities for the benefit of the handicapped persons.
2. To promote self-employment and other ventures for the benefit/economic rehabilitation of the handicapped persons.
3. To assist, subject to such income and/or economic criteria as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time, the handicapped individuals or groups of handicapped individuals by way of loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes and projects.
4. To grant concessional finance in selected cases for the handicapped persons in the country in collaboration with Government Ministries/Deptts. State level to the extent of the budgetary assistance granted by the Government of India to the Company.
5. To extend loans to the handicapped for pursuing general/professional/technical education for training at graduate and higher levels.

6. To assist in the upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of handicapped persons for proper and efficient management of production units.
7. To set up training, quality control, process development, technology, common facility centres and other infrastructural activities for the proper rehabilitation/upliftment of the handicapped persons in support of their economic pursuits.
8. To assist the State level organisations to deal with the development of the handicapped persons by way of providing financial assistance and in obtaining commercial funding or by way of refinancing.
9. To work as an apex institution on the lines of National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation for channelising the funds through State Finance Corporations for the Handicapped or through corresponding Corporations authorised by State Govts./Boards set up by Union Government/State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and Voluntary Organisations. The NHFDC will receive proposals for financial assistance through above mentioned organisations and sanction loans and margin money to the beneficiaries for disbursement through these organisations. The NHFDC will also coordinate and monitor the schemes/programmes implemented through authorised State Finance & Development Corporations/Boards/UT Administration and NGOs, financed by the Corporation.
10. To assist self-employed individuals/group of individuals or registered factories/companies/cooperatives of disabled persons in marketing their finished goods and assist in procurement of raw materials.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE : BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

12.02 hrs.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I have to inform the House that the Business Advisory Committee at their sitting held today recommended as under :—

- (i) that there would be no lunch break on the 18th, 19th and 20th March, 1997 in order to make available more time for disposal of urgent Government business;

- (ii) On 18th March, 1997, the following three bills be disposed of by 1800 hours :—

- (a) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 1997.
- (b) The National Highways Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1997, as passed by Rajya Sabha.
- (c) The Lalit Kala Akademi (Taking over of Management) Bill, 1997, as pass by Rajya Sabha.

These three Bills have to be concluded by 6.00 p.m. today.

Further discussion on the following items of business listed for today may be taken up at 1800 hours and should continue up to 2200 hours :—

- (a) General Discussion on General Budget for 1997–98.
- (b) Discussion and voting on Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 1997–98
- (c) Discussion and voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 1996–97.
- (d) Discussion and voting on Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 1994–95.
- (iii) On 19th March, 1997, General discussion on General Budget and related matters to continue and the Finance Minister to reply at 1700 hours.

From 1800 hours onwards, the following Bills may be considered for disposal :

- (a) The Electricity Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
- (b) The Reserve Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
- (c) The National Commission for Safar Karamcharis (Amendment) Bill, 1997, as passed by Rajya Sabha.
- (d) The Port Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1997, as passed by Rajya Sabha.
- (iv) On 20th March, 1997, Motion under Rule 184 regarding recall of Governor of Uttar Pradesh to be taken up and disposed of on that day itself by sitting late, as may be necessary.
- (v) On 21st March, 1997, any other business not disposed of in the earlier days and then, I think, we adjourn.

I hope the House agrees.